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FOLLOWING REPEAT TEL AVIV 1404 ACTION STATE JAN 31.

QUOTE S E C R E T TEL AVIV 1409

NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

PASS WHITE HOUSE EYES ONLY FOR BRZEZINSKI

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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN CONCERNING  
SHILO SETTLEMENT

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 1387, (B) TEL AVIV 1240

1. BEGIN TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING, JANUARY 31, TO  
ASK ME TO PASS TO YOU AND TO THE PRESIDENT THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE CONCERNING SHILO. HE SAID HE HAS BEEN PURSUING  
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THE PATH "OF PERSUASION" AS HE PROMISED ME HE WOULD DO  
LAST THURSDAY (REF B), AND THAT ARIK SHARON HAD INFORMED  
HIM EARLIER THIS MORNING THAT PROSPECTS NOW LOOKED  
VERY PROMISING FOR THE SETTLERS AT SHILO TO MOVE ELSE-  
WHERE IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT FEW DAYS. HE SAID  
AGAIN THAT HE BELIEVED PERSUASION WAS THE RIGHT COURSE,  
AND THAT IT WOULD BE WRONG TO USE MILITARY FORCE. HE

NOW HAD BEEN ASSURED BY SHARON THAT INDEED PERSUASION WOULD WORK.

2. DURING THE CONVERSATION BEGIN MADE PASSING REFERENCES TO THE RESTON ARTICLE (REF A) AND TO THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ABOUT SHILO, BUT HE DID NOT PURSUE EITHER TOPIC.

3. LAST NIGHT AFTER A RECEPTION FOR CHIP AND CARON CARTER AT DAYAN'S HOME, DAYAN AND I TALKED INFORMALLY FOR SOME TIME ABOUT BOTH THE PEACE PROCESS AND ABOUT THE SETTLEMENTS PROBLEM. DAYAN TOLD ME THAT HE AND BEGIN HAD BEEN EXPLORING POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES FOR SHILO, AND THAT HE THOUGHT BEGIN WAS GOING TO COME UP WITH SOME "ERSATZ SOLUTION." HE DID NOT PRECISELY DEFINE IT, BUT I UNDERSTOOD HIM TO MEAN THAT THE SHILO SETTLERS WOULD BE PLACED SOMEWHERE ELSE IN A MILITARY INSTALLATION, OR SOMETHING WHICH COULD AT LEAST BE ARGUED HAD THAT CHARACTER. DAYAN OBVIOUSLY DID NOT THINK THE "ERSATZ SOLUTION" WOULD BE VERY SATISFACTORY, BUT HE HAD NOTHING BETTER TO SUGGEST. I PRESSED HIM VERY HARD ON THE ISSUE AND INSISTED IT WAS VITAL BEGIN SOLVE THIS ONE QUICKLY SO AS NOT TO FURTHER COMPLICATE HIS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AT SUCH A DELICATE MOMENT IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATION PROCESS. DAYAN THOROUGHLY AGREED WITH ME, SAID AGAIN THAT HE HAD TOLD BEGIN  
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HIS DECISION TO ALLOW THE SETTLERS TO GO TO SHILO HAD BEEN TOTALLY WRONG, BUT HAD NO IDEAS OF HIS OWN AS TO HOW TO HELP BEGIN GET OFF THIS AWKWARD HOOK.

4. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE HEARD FROM A RELIABLE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE THAT BEGIN IS VERY ANGRY OVER RELEASE OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, HIS MESSAGE THIS MORNING SHOWS THAT HE IS HARDLY IMMUNE TO THE PRESIDENT'S PRESSURE ON HIM. WHETHER THE SOLUTION HE THINKS HE IS COMING UP WITH THROUGH "PERSUASION" WILL BE A CREDIBLE ONE REMAINS VERY MUCH TO BE SEEN.

5. THERE WAS NO HINT IN OUR CONVERSATION THIS MORNING OF THE POSSIBLE IMPACT ON MY RELATIONSHIP WITH BEGIN WHICH I SUGGESTED COULD OCCUR IN PARA FIVE OF REF A. HE WAS AS PERSONALLY FRIENDLY AS ALWAYS, AND I EXPECT TO BE SEEING HIM LATER TODAY OR TOMORROW TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE CONCLUSIONS WE REACHED AT THE AMMAN CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY ABOUT SOUTH EBANON.  
TO WHAT EXTENT BEGIN'S VIEW OF OR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED I WILL BE ABLE

TO JUDGE BETTER IN THE DAYS TO COME. LEWIS UNQTE VANCE

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